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SUBJECT: PARTIAL GRANT FOR FILM COLLEGE RECTOR ULBRICH.

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1. POST REQUESTS PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR PETER ULBRICH, RECTOR OF GDR COLLEGE FOR FILM AND TELEVISION, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN VIRGINIA AT AIRLIE HOUSE FROM SEPTEMBER 10-18, 1978. INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY GEORGE WALLACH OF BROOKLYN COLLEGE IN NEW YORK, AS PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY FILM ASSOCIATION. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IS THE 19TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CILECT (A UNESCO ORGAN STANDING FOR CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE LIAISON DES ECOLES DE CINEMA ET DE TELEVISION) WHOSE THEME WILL BE "THE INFLUENCE OF THE WORLD CINEMA HERITAGE ON THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF FILM/TELEVISION DIRECTORS AND COMMUNICATORS."

2. DURING DAY-LONG VISIT TO ULBRICH'S FILM COLLEGE (SEE REFAIRGRAM), PAO DISCUSSED CONFERENCE AND POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTENSION FOR ULBRICH BEYOND SEPTEMBER 18. ULBRICH, WHO HAS NEVER BEEN TO US, ENTHUSIASTIC AT OFFER AND PROPOSED PAO WRITE LETTER TO MINISTRY OF CULTURE SUGGESTING EXTENSION BEYOND CONFERENCE FOR ONE WEEK, WHICH HAS BEEN DONE. ULBRICH MENTIONED FOLLOWING US CONTACTS: IN NEW YORK - PROFESSOR DONALD STAPLES AT NYU FILM DEPARTMENT, AND GEORGE WALLACH MENTIONED ABOVE; IN COLUMBUS, PROFES-

SOR ROBERT WAGNER OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,(WHO WAS IN
BERLIN IN APRIL WITH ULBRICH). IN LOS ANGELES - PROFES-
SOR MANOULIS OF AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE.

3. POST RECOMMENDS PROGRAM FOR ULBRICH COORDINATED WITH
AFOREMENTIONED US CONTACTS IN ACADEMIC FILM COMMUNITY, AS
WELL AS VISITS TO FILM CENTERS IN NEW YORK AND HOLLYWOOD,
WITH WHICH MANOULIS CAN ASSIST. ULBRICH SPEAKS S-4 PLUS
ENGLISH, REQUIRES NO ESCORT.

4. ULBRICH IS ACTIVE AS FILM DIRECTOR, EDUCATOR, ADMIN-
ISTRATOR, ORGANIZER OF LEIPZIG INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL,
MEMBER OF BOARD WHICH DECIDES ON PURCHASE OF FOREIGN,
ESPECIALLY AMERICAN, FILMS, AND HIGH PROFILE FIGURE IN
CULTURAL-POLITICAL WORLD OF GDR. ULBRICH'S POLITICAL VIEWS
ARE PRONOUNCEDLY LIBERAL. FEW IN GDR COULD BETTER QUALIFY
FOR "SUCCESSOR GENERATION."

5. POST AWARE OF FAST DEPLETING IV FUNDS FOR FY-78.
THREE REMAINING IV PROGRAMS, WHICH GDR HAS ALREADY ACCEP-
TED AND FOR WHICH CANDIDATES EXPECTED SHORTLY, WILL EXCEED
OUR ANNUAL \$10,000 BUDGET. ONCE GRANTS FOR REMAINDER OF
YEAR WRITTEN, POST WILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER
IV DEFICIT PLUS ULBRICH PARTIAL WHEN REQUIRED AMOUNT
COVERING SEVEN DAYS INTERNAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DETER-
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